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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A; James Formation, Reservoir A; Pettet Formation, Reservoir A; Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; DOYLINE FIELD, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A; James Formation, Reservoir A; Pettet Formation, Reservoir A; Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; all in the Doyline Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from each of said formations and reservoirs.

2. To create six (6) drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from each of said formations and reservoirs, such units being shown on attached plats and being designated ROD RA SUA through ROD RA SUF; JA RA SUA through JA RA SUF; PET RA SUA through PET RA SUF; HOSS RA SUA through HOSS RA SUF; and CV RA SUA through CV RA SUF.

3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

4. To designate Applicant as Operator of HOSS RA SUA.

5. To designate the J-W Operating Company--Westwood Camp 35 No. 1 Well, located as shown on an attached plat, as the unit well for HOSS RA SUA in exception to the well location provisions set forth hereinbelow.

6. To propose that future wells drilled to any of these formations and reservoirs within or outside of the units proposed herein be located no closer than 330 feet to any unit boundary and no closer than 1200 feet to any other well permitted to or completed in the same formation and reservoir.

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7. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify any of these formations and reservoirs by Supplemental Order and without the necessity of a public hearing should any such reclassification be warranted based on evidence furnished to the Commissioner.

8. To approve the downhole combination of production from these formations and reservoirs, or any combination thereof, in the wellbore of any well drilled on the proposed units in which the ownership in the formations and reservoirs to be downhole combined is identical.

9. To define the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A, as the stratigraphic equivalent of that interval encountered between the measured depths of 5,950 feet and 6,450 feet in the LL&E--Thomas Crichton No. 1 Well, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

10. To define the James Formation, Reservoir A, as the stratigraphic equivalent of that interval encountered between the measured depths of 6,450 feet and 6,715 feet in the LL&E--Thomas Crichton No. 1 Well, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

11. To define the Pettet Formation, Reservoir A, as the stratigraphic equivalent of that interval encountered between the measured depths of 7,110 feet and 7,515 feet in the LL&E--Thomas Crichton No. 1 Well, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

12. To define the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 9,896 feet and 10,776 feet (9,829 feet and 10,703 feet TVD) in the J-W Operating Company--Westwood Camp 35 No. 1 Well, having a surface location in Section 26, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and being further defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of that interval encountered between the measured depths of 7,515 feet and 9,900 feet in the LL&E--Thomas Crichton No. 1 Well, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

13. To define the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, as the stratigraphic equivalent of that interval encountered between the measured depths of 9,900 feet and 11,710 feet in the LL&E--Thomas Crichton No. 1 Well, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

14. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party. Should any person have questions concerning land ownership, leases or similar matters, that person should call Mr. John Mahan at (972) 233-8191 in Dallas, Texas.

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By letter dated May 30, 2003, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these matters and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was thereafter held beginning at 10:30 o'clock a.m. on June 20, 2003, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Attached is a list of the names and addresses of those persons present at the conference.

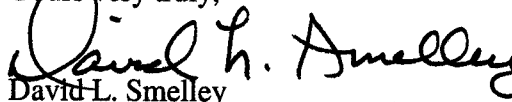
The purpose of the conference was explained as well as the bases for Applicant's proposals by sufficient data and detail for those present at the conference to have a reasonable opportunity to discuss the proposals and attempt to resolve any differences in good faith. Following Applicant's presentation, there was a general question and answer period, most of which related to land ownership and leases. No counterplan was presented to the proposals of Applicant. Thereafter, the conference was adjourned.

Attached hereto are five (5) plats outlining Applicant's proposed units, which plats are identical to those attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Doyline Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,

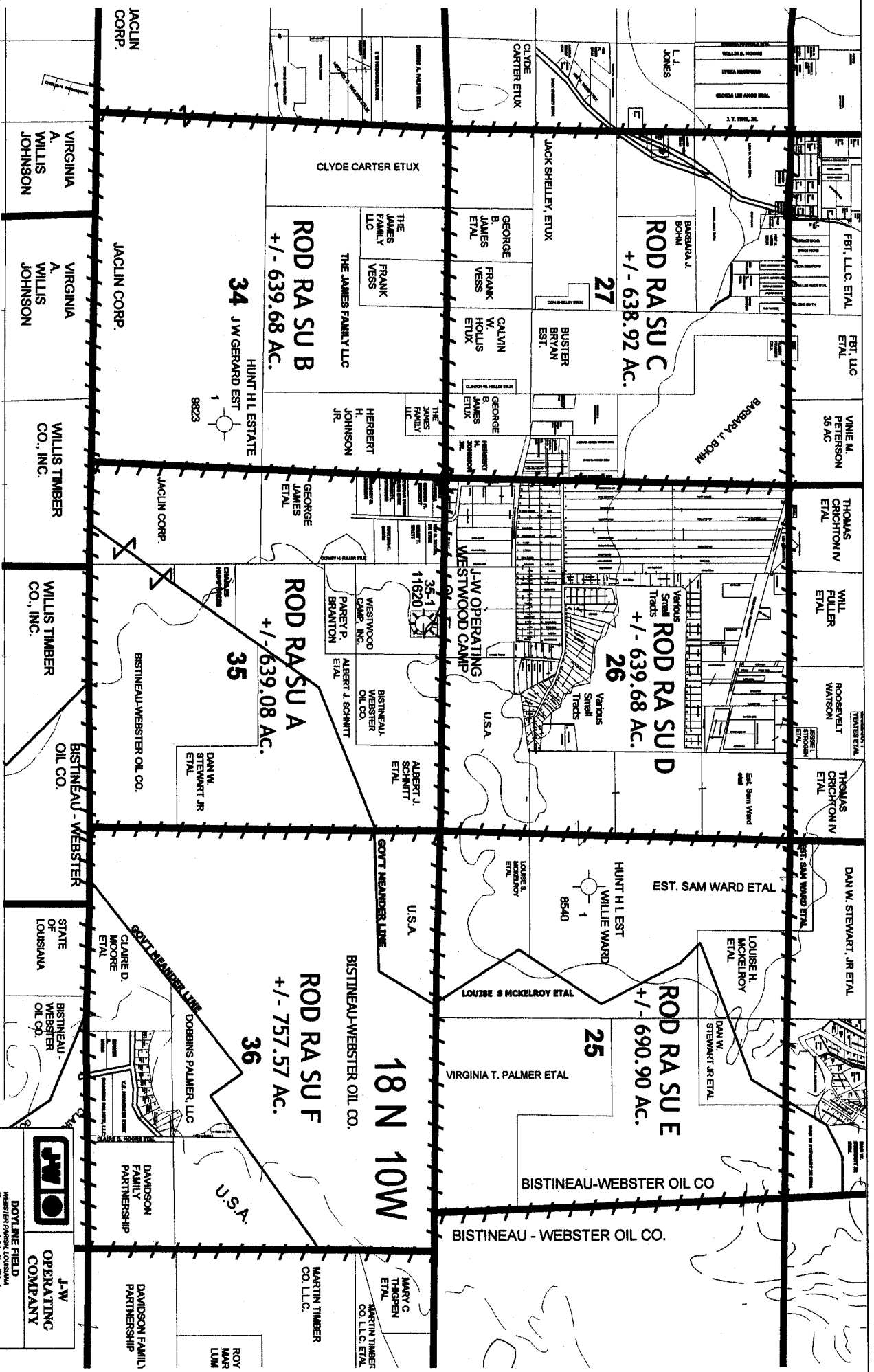

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--- Attorney for J-W Operating Company


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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Dave Williams (w/encls.)
Mr. John Mahan (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

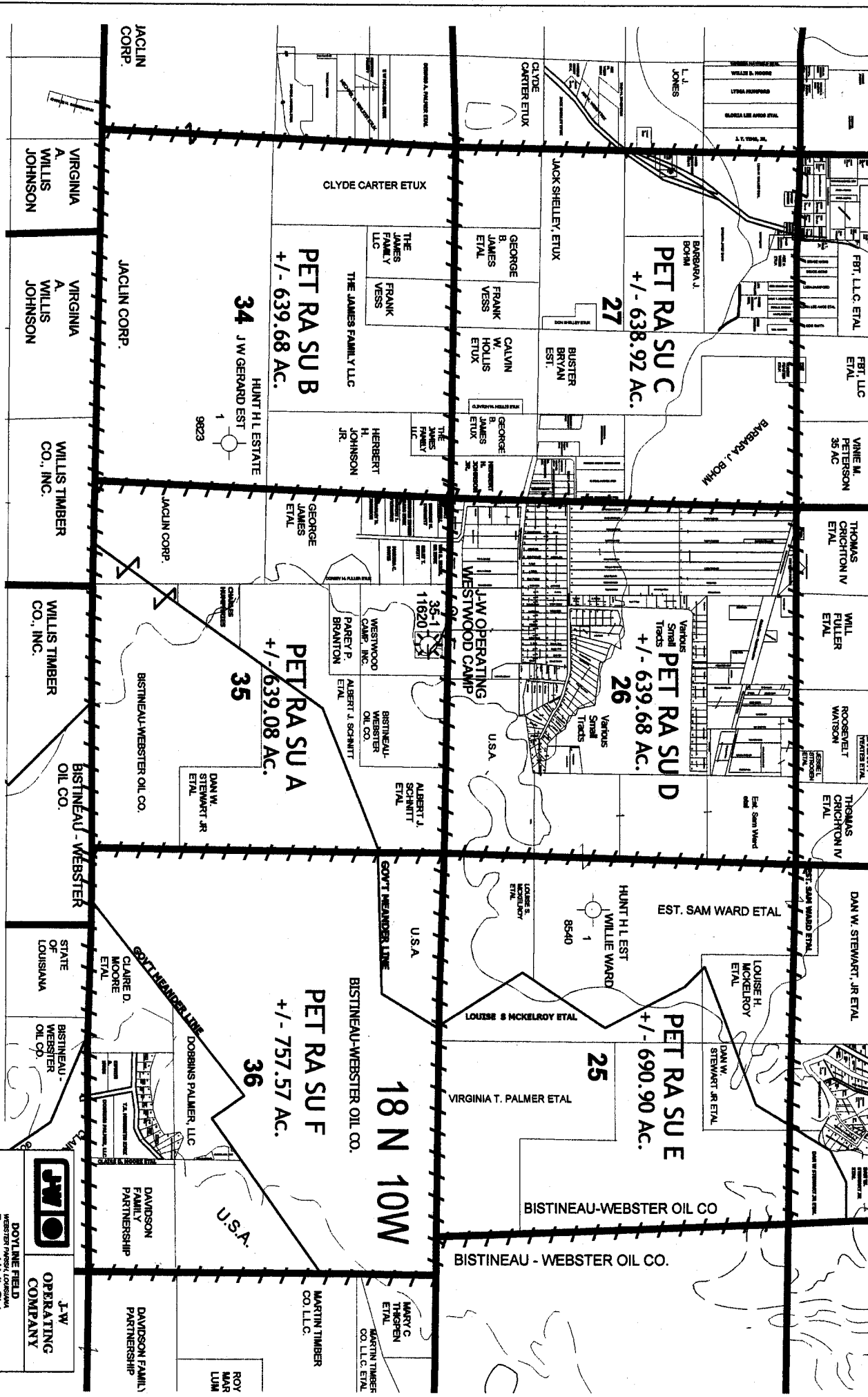


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DOY LINE FIELD BISTINEAU-WEBSTER OIL CO. Proposed Units Part RODESSA FORMATION Reservoir 'A' Scale 1" = 200'	
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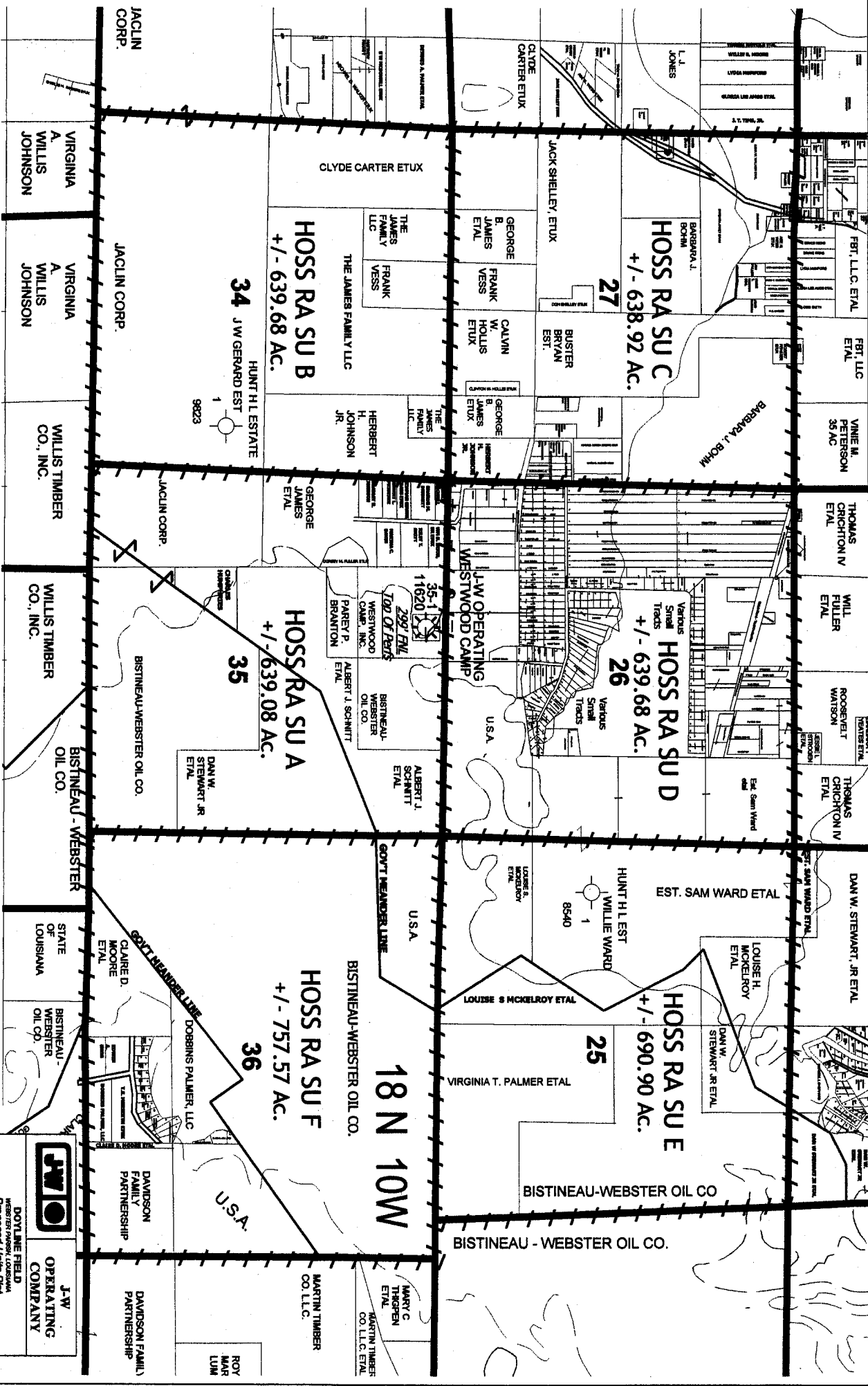


<p>J-W</p> <p>DOYLINE FIELD</p> <p>WESTER HAVEN, LOUISIANA</p> <p><i>Produce and / or Fruit</i></p> <p>JAMES FORMATION</p> <p>Reservoir A.</p> <p>Scale 1" = 2000'</p>	<p>J-W</p> <p>OPERATING COMPANY</p>
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BOYLENE FIELD WASHINGTON <i>Proposed Units Plan</i> PETTER FORMATION Reservoir A Scale 1" = 2,000'	
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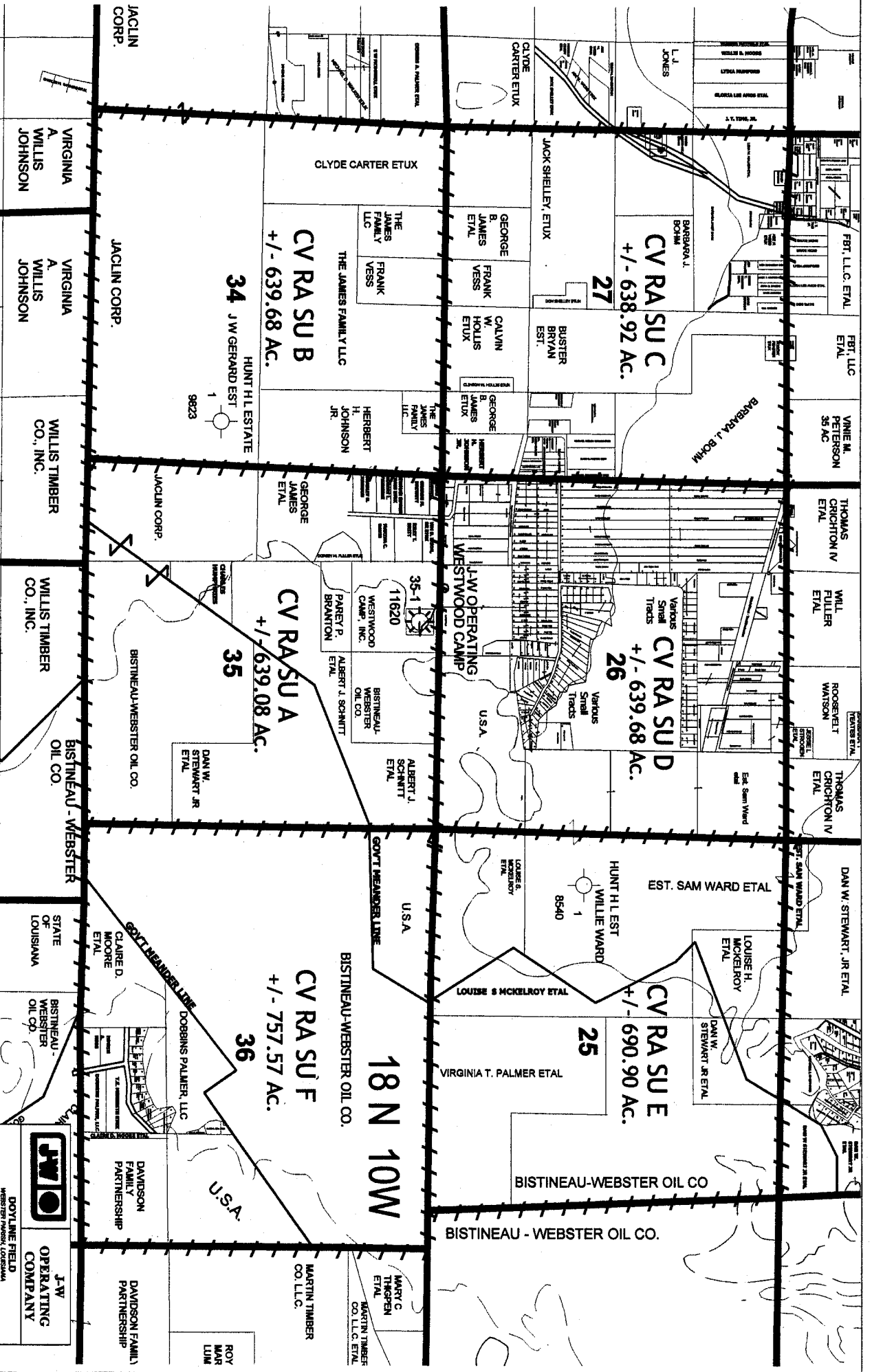


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DOYLE FIELD
WEBSTER PARRISH, LOUISIANA
Proposed Units Plat
HOSSON ZONE
Reservoir - A
Scale 1" = 2000'

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DOTLINE FIELD

COTTON VALLEY FORMATION

Proposed Units Plot

Reservoir 'A'

Scale 1" = 200'

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Witness: Joe Adams